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## Panel 1: Maintenance

# Way forward on global recognition of AMO, surveillance activities and reducing duplicate certification

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# Global Recognition of AMOs

- **Currently discussed within the ICAO Airworthiness Panel.**
- **EASA participates as the Chair of the Panel.**
- **Proposals:**
  - Transfer AMO requirements from Annex 6 to Annex 8 in order to emphasize the concept of stand-alone AMOs (not linked to an operator).
  - Change the term “maintenance records” to “continuing airworthiness records”.
  - Align all the definitions and statements related to the release of maintenance.
  - Provide more guidance in the Airworthiness Manual (Document 9760) regarding:
    - The approval process of the AMO.
    - Rating system for an AMO.
    - Acceptance of the approval by other States.



# Reduction of duplicated certification and surveillance activities of AMOs

## ➤ **Proposals:**

- Recommend the development of a global framework and regional initiatives to reduce duplication of certification and surveillance activities of AMOs.
- Possible 3-step approach:
  - Amend the ICAO Standards (and provide Guidance) in order to incorporate more specific requirements.
  - Continue promoting Regional activities to create common standards at regional level (sufficiently aligned, for example, with FAA and/or EASA requirements).
  - Promote the performance of Joint Investigations of AMOs (with different CAAs).



# Reduction of duplicated certification and surveillance activities of AMOs

- Complemented by:
  - Use of Industry Standards for auditing AMOs (for example, IAQG).
  - Rely on pooling of audits.
  
- Mutual recognition cannot be achieved just by changing the Annexes and the Guidance. Bilateral/Multilateral Agreements or unilateral changes to the rules of a particular State are needed.
  
- In the absence of such formal agreements, still possible to increase the confidence on other State's systems, reducing the level of investigation and duplicated audits.